

**UHON 207 Fine Art As Global Perspective: Social Transformation through Art
Political Art Paper | Final Due: Wed. March 9th**

Referencing Salman Rushdie's essay, "Outside the Whale", our previous readings by Freeland, Berger, Wells, and Thompson, as well as our class discussions, write a 5-7 page argument paper addressing the following questions. Be sure to clearly state your thesis and provide supporting evidence. You must cite your sources and where directly quoting use quotation marks.

1. Why is making socially conscious "art" necessary according to Rushdie's stance? In light of this, what would Rushdie's response be to Kant's theory on the role of art?
2. In *Ways of Seeing*, Berger states that shortly after we begin to see "we become aware that we can also be seen". Connect Berger's sentiment to Rushdie's discussion of the potency of stereotypes. Finally, use an example of one of JR's photographs to discuss the power of representation and photograph's ability to subvert stereotypes.
3. According to Rushdie are all images political? Why? How?
4. Select a work of art that we've viewed in class and explain how the work of art challenges a political status quo. Be sure to include a reproduction (or link) to the work in your paper, cite the artist, and the title of the work. Place this information at the end of the paper (this section will NOT be counted towards the assigned page numbers).
5. Select another work of art that on the surface appears to defy Rushdie's thesis about political "art". Then, discuss how Rushdie would analyze the work according to **his philosophies of political art**. Be sure to include the work, cite the artist, and state the title of the work in your paper (again this portion will not be included in the 5-7 page number expectation).

Grading Rubric for Political Art Papers

Paper Content

Addressed paper questions	40 pts
Quality of supporting points/quotations	20 pts

Quality of Writing

Clarity of ideas	10 pts
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Structure of thoughts	20 pts
Supporting details	10 pts
TOTAL	100 pts/100%

This paper is equal to 15% of your final grade.